

Biography of Joseph D. Coronato

Joseph D. Coronato graduated from Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in June 1972. He graduated from North Carolina Central University Law School in Durham, North Carolina receiving his Juris Doctor Degree in May of 1975.

Prosecutor Coronato was admitted to the New Jersey Bar, and the U.S. District Court in 1975. He was admitted to the Washington, D.C. Bar in 1979; to the U. S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit in 1985, and to Practice in U. S. Supreme Court in 1992.

In 1976, Prosecutor Coronato was appointed a Deputy Attorney General by the Attorney General of New Jersey, and was assigned to the Division of Criminal Justice, where he investigated and tried significant organized crime, narcotics and white-collar crime case. He was eventually assigned to the organized crime/special prosecutor's section of the Attorney General's Office, where he prepared search warrants, wire tap applications, presented cases to the State Grand Jury and represented the State of New Jersey in jury trials.

In 1981, Prosecutor Coronato was employed as an Assistant Prosecutor at the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, where he supervised investigations and trials covering homicides, organized crime and narcotics cases.

In 1984, Prosecutor Coronato established a private practice in Toms River, specializing in municipal prosecution, civil litigation, estate administration, criminal matters, personal injury, contract law, education law, and real estate law.

Prosecutor Coronato has remained very involved in the community as a resident of Toms River. He has been associated with the following Civic Organizations:

- St. Barnabas Healthcare System*
 - *Community Medical Center*
(Vice Chairman and Hospital Board of Trustees)
 - *Community Medical Center and Kimball Medical Center*
(Finance Committee Member)
 - *Ocean County College Foundation*
 - *Chairman of the College Foundation*
 - *Trustee/Executive Board*
- Toms River Township Republican Club*
 - *Republican Municipal Chairman*

Prosecutor Coronato is a parishioner of St. Joseph Church and is a past board member of the St. Joseph Church Development Committee.

Prosecutor Coronato has, most recently, received the following civic and professional awards:

<i>Central Jersey Family Health Consortium Award</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>NJ Top Gun Meritorious Service Award</i>	<i>2018</i>
<i>CBS/RWJ Barnabas Health Award</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>NJ TV Drug Addiction Crisis Hero Award</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>State Troopers' Coalition National Police Defense Foundation</i>	
<i>Prosecutor of the Year Award</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction</i>	
<i>Leadership in Reducing Drug Overdose Deaths</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Officers' Association</i>	
<i>Prosecutor of the Year Award</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>Peace Island Institute</i>	
<i>Law Enforcement Appreciation Award</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>DART Coalition Community Partner of the Year</i>	<i>2013</i>

After being nominated by Governor Chris Christie to be Ocean County Prosecutor and receiving approval by the New Jersey Senate, he was sworn into office on March 22, 2013 as Prosecutor, the chief law enforcement officer in Ocean County.

Prosecutor Coronato lives in Toms River with his wife, Elaine and, has two adult children.